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Teapot Dome Scandal May Cost Coolidge Nomination

Everything for Himself and for His Party Depends on How He Conducts Himself as to Investigation of Oil Leases Now Under Way — His Position Delicate

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Coolidge's political future has become wrapped up in the Teapot Dome controversy.

There no longer is any question from the action of his friends both inside and outside of Congress that upon the steps he takes in the immediate future will depend to a large extent the opportunities he has for nomination and election.

LABOR HOWLS AT SECRETARY DAVIS

President Lewis of Miners Union Asks in Vain for Order and Respectful Hearing of Official.

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—Howls and boos greeted Secretary of Labor Davis today when he was introduced by President Lewis to the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers here.
Lewis asked for order and a respectful hearing for "a member of the President's cabinet," but in vain. While the tumult proceeded Lewis again took the floor and shouted: "The honor of your organization is at stake. You are on trial before the country. Exercise your self-restraint that our organization be not publicly shamed."
Then he requested those unwilling to hear Davis to leave the hall and after prolonged handclapping Davis began to speak.

NINE STUDENTS ARE INJURED IN FIRE

Springfield, O., Jan. 31.—Nine students were injured today, two probably fatally, in escaping from the dormitory during a fire at Wilberforce University near Xenia. The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin.

NO BID YET ACCEPTED FOR TELEPHONE BUILDING

No bid has yet been accepted for the proposed new Telephone Building on South Road street. The sealed bids were opened publicly in the store of the Spence-Hollowell Company Tuesday, with nine bidders, most of whom were present in person.

The award will not be made until the bids have been analyzed and considered thoroughly by the committee, which, however, will take only a few days.
Following is the list of bidders, with their address and amount of their bids:
L. B. Perry, Elizabeth City, \$31,144; Agostine Bros., 243 Arcade, Norfolk, \$27,489; W. T. Gregory, 591 Loc Building, Norfolk, \$23,400; Pamfils Cont. Co., 415 Equitable Building, Baltimore, \$26,880; L. McCloud, 1791 Colley Avenue, Norfolk, \$46,112; B. F. Wentz, R. F. D. No. 3, Norfolk, \$26,409; Forbes & Holloman, 417 W. 20th street, Norfolk, \$38,500; Southern Construction Co., Elizabeth City, \$46,843; E. E. Weddle, 253 Bank street, Norfolk, \$35,964.

Omaha and Destroyers Remain at Vera Cruz

Washington, Jan. 31.—Orders were issued today for the cruiser Omaha and six destroyers to remain at Vera Cruz until further orders, but it was stated that this was purely a precautionary measure and not because of any action unfavorable to the United States citizens in Mexico.

Secretary Denby to resign probably will be followed by another asking that the Attorney General be asked to resign too. Neither will have enough votes to pass, as the Republicans can muster enough votes to prevent such action. That, however, will not dispose of it for the Democrats would then keep on talking about it until the November elections. It is a subject which permits of considerable talk and, on the Democratic side, there are some volatile talkers.
Senator Caraway of Arkansas, Democrat, has already made a speech on the claim of President Harding that in permitting the Vice President to sit at the cabinet table the latter would gain enough knowledge of public affairs as to enable him to take over the presidential office and be familiar with what was going on. Now it turns out that Mr. Coolidge as Vice President claims he didn't know what was going on. The Democrats will make the most of that point.

As for the Secretary of the Navy, his defense is that he had no discretion in signing the leases which transferred the naval reserves to the Interior Department. Confronted with an executive order signed by the President, he feels it was his duty to sign the papers presented to him. The Democrats insist that, in view of the controversy in the Navy Department on this subject in pre-

JAPANESE DIET HAS FIST FIGHT

Tokio, Jan. 31.—The Imperial Diet was dissolved today following scenes of greatest disorder in which water flasks were thrown and fists used. The disturbance resulted from attempts of the opposition to interpellate the government regarding the attempted wrecking of a train at Nagoya carrying opposition leaders to Tokio.

IS NOT IN FAVOR OF ROAD TO LISTER'S PIER

H. M. Pritchard of Weeksville doesn't think much of the suggestion of George P. Carter of Fairfield that Pasquotank County build a road to Lister's Pier.
Mr. Pritchard is of the opinion that Tyrrell County farmers would prefer the trip on the train to crossing a ferry from Newberry's landing to Lister's Pier.
"Hog Neck Shoal, which has brought disaster to many a craft and has been the occasion for the loss of more than one life, lies between these two landings," says Mr. Pritchard, and he is of the opinion that a ferry between them would be both uncertain and unsafe.
Mr. Pritchard also believes that any extension of the road from Elizabeth City to Weeksville should be built with a view to serving the largest possible number of people in Salem township. He does not believe that the Lister's Pier route would serve that end.

IN GRAND CANYON CAN SPIT A MILE

This Is Impression Recent Traveller Got of Wonderful Chasm, Views of Which Will be Shown Here Friday

A recent traveler on reaching the brink of the precipice overlooking the Grand Canyon of the Colorado remarked: "This is the first place I have ever been where I could spit a mile." And it is true that the river is more than a mile below the north rim of the canyon. Words seem inadequate to describe this gigantic work of nature.

Dr. C. D. Williamson of the Department of the Interior will show views and describe this marvel of nature in the lecture Friday night in the court house on "Our National Parks."

While the canyon is really a thousand miles long, there is but 103 miles of it within the National Park. From rim to rim the canyon varies from eight to 20 miles wide, and this terrible gash in nature's side is approximately a mile deep.

It is the most wonderful example of stream erosion known, and scattered throughout the canyon are peaks rising thousands of feet showing the vari-colored strata of granite, limestone, sandstone and so on, constantly changing in their bright colors as the sun moves and changes shade and shadow.

This National Park alone is almost the size of Rhode Island, and is but one of many parks that Mr. Williamson will describe and illustrate Friday night in his free lecture in the court house.

The whole world has nothing comparable with the Grand Canyon and those who can not visit it can at least get some good views of it Friday night.

READY FOR A CLASH WITH HERTFORD TEAM

The Elizabeth City Athletic Association is ready for a clash with Hertford's basketball team on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.
The local team asks for the support of the public and promises a good game this time and others in the future.
Elizabeth City's lineup is: Ballard and Holmes, forwards; Morgart and Winder, centers; Alford and Dwight, guards.

BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CAR TELLS OF THE ICE FESTIVAL

To call attention to the good time to be had at the Ice Festival in the Shrine Clubrooms Friday afternoon and evening a committee, from the women and men's committee of the Woman's Club decorated a car in snowy white and drove about the city Thursday.
A sign at the front of the car told the object of this very attractive bit of publicity, but at first bystanders on the street did not see the sign and someone asked "Is it a hearse and groom?" while some one else said "It must be advertising Weatherly's candles. — It looks so good."
The Ice Festival features card games of great variety in the afternoon and dancing in the evening. The proceeds are for a public library.
The car was owned and driven by Mrs. Harold Foreman. With her were Mrs. J. W. Foreman, Mrs. Howard Kramer, Mrs. T. P. Bennett, Miss Laura Rodney and little Miss Eleanor Foreman.

PRICE OF SUGAR UP TO HOUSEWIFE

Preliminary Indications are for Adequate Supply and Narrow Price Range but Uncertain Factor is Demand

New York, Jan. 31.—The sweet tooth of the American people probably will not go unfulfilled during the current year.
Preliminary indications point to an adequate supply of sugar, according to the expert statisticians of the trade; but no one has undertaken to determine just what course the consuming public will follow. Whether the price will move within narrow ranges depend upon the purchases of the American housewife as well as upon weather and other conditions here and abroad.

The experts of the Federal Sugar Refining Company estimate that there will be an excess supply of 425,000 tons available for this country in 1924. This estimate, however, is based on a consumption equal to that of 1923. Distribution of sugar last year did not increase at the same rate which had prevailed from 1918 to 1922. "But the total amount consumed did rise above the 1922 level. There is every reason to believe that a normal increase will be shown in 1924 since the additions to population would account for a considerable tonnage even if the individual citizens bought no more than last year.

The total distribution of sugar in the United States in 1923 was 4,786,684 tons. But consumption was sharply curtailed by the spectacular rise in price of sugar early in the year. Of the amount bought last year, the Federal experts credit 1,095,521 tons to domestic beet and cane production and 3,685,153 tons to supplies from insular possessions, Cuba and other foreign countries. They base their estimate of a 425,000 ton surplus this year on anticipation that shipments from Cuba and other foreign countries, Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, will aggregate 4,119,699 tons of refined sugar. Taking the domestic beet and cane production of 1923 as a basis for the 1924 supply, this would insure a surplus over 1923 requirements of 425,447 tons. However, it is extremely likely that the domestic beet and cane crops this year will be well in excess of those of last year, as well as that consumption will be at a heavier rate than in 1923.

Beet sugar manufacturers and growers have just ended a most prosperous year. Steps already are being taken to cultivate a much larger acreage to sugar beets the coming season. The Louisiana cane producers also sold their products at a satisfactory figure and there is small doubt that with normal weather conditions the domestic sugar production will show an increase.

Weather in Cuba recently has been favorable and there are at present between 160 and 170 mills grinding cane. Early forecasts by some experts of the Cuban 1924 output place it somewhat above 3,800,000 tons. Predictions of the European sugar beet production for the season of 1923-24 range around 4,980,000 tons or approximately 428,038 tons more than for last season. Germany's crop is expected to reach only 1,255,000 tons. The most important increase is in Czecho-Slovakia, where an output of 1,029,000 is anticipated as compared with 726,472 tons last year.

The above facts, according to men in the sugar trade, will have a greater bearing on the price and consumption of sugar in the country in the next year than any enforcement of rules or regulations for the conduct of sugar exchanges such as were asked in the suit of the Department of Justice against the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, and denied by the United States Supreme Court. The suit asked for the regulation of exchange operations against possibility of artificial price control.
The incursions of the Western beet sugar manufacturers made such rapid inroads into Eastern markets last fall that it is regarded as likely that further efforts to regulate the trade of the Eastern Seaboard will be made beginning next October when the output of the Western factories becomes available.

MELLON REGARDS PLAN AS FEASIBLE

Washington, Jan. 31.—Secretary Mellon regards as practical and feasible the plan of the Republican members of the House who have named a committee to make the proposed income tax reductions effective on the 1923 payments which taxpayers will remit to the Government beginning March 15. He believes the step would entail no difficulties on the Treasury.
The only other conviction of Thursday's session of the recorder's court was a case in which Augustus McPherson, south Mills negro, was charged with riding a bicycle at night without a light. Augustus was let off with the costs.

MAKE READJUSTMENT OF KEROSENE PRICES

New York, Jan. 31.—Readjustment of kerosene prices was announced today by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. New tank wagon prices in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia are 14 1/2 cents.

Denby Initiated Transfer To Interior Department

Rear Admiral Latimer Appears Before House Naval Committee Today in Regard to the Naval Oil Lease Question Which Occupies Center Stage at Capital

ELKS CELEBRATE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Past Exalted Rulers in Charge, Including Past Exalted Ruler of Barbcoes Sam Parker.

The Grand Lodge of the Order of Elks has set aside Friday, February 1, as past exalted ruler's night. On that occasion the men who have been awarded the highest honor that may be granted them by local lodges will have charge of the ceremonies all over the country. The chair and offices will be occupied by men who have served some time or other as exalted rulers in the lodge.
The past exalted rulers in charge of the Elizabeth City lodge are as follows: W. M. Baxter, G. R. Little, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, I. Fearing, H. C. Grice, J. H. Aydtlett, E. R. Spence, Brad Sanders, J. M. Harney, W. G. Gaither, P. G. Sawyer, S. H. Johnson, I. R. Parker, G. W. Beveridge, Jr., Duckworth Glover and C. P. Brown. They have all served in the local lodge except Mr. Brown, who was past exalted ruler of the lodge at Lake Charles, Louisiana. Bill C. Sawyer now occupies the position of exalted ruler in the local lodge.
The Friday night program will be entirely in the hands of the past exalted rulers. The offices will be filled as follows: G. R. Little, exalted ruler, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, leading knight, I. Fearing loyal knight, H. C. Grice lecturing knight, J. H. Aydtlett inner guard, E. R. Spence, esquire, Brad Sanders, tiler, J. M. Harney, organist, W. G. Gaither, chaplain, S. H. Johnson, secretary, and P. G. Sawyer, treasurer.

After the meeting an old fashioned barbecue is to be the biggest event on the night's program. The barbecue will be presented under the direction of Sam Parker, who claims to be a past exalted ruler of barbecues. If he fails to make an artistic triumph on this occasion it is very probable that the Kalklux will become active in Elizabeth City on that night.
This event is to be a home coming of all members of the lodge. Many of the old boys have assured the local lodge that they will make every effort toward being present Friday night.
The lodge has shown great activity during the last few months, more than 30 members having been taken in.

HENRY LEROY, JR., FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

In the announcement of J. H. LeRoy, setting forth his candidacy for the office of City Prosecuting Attorney, Elizabeth City voters were introduced to local politics. Mr. LeRoy is the youngest member of the law firm of Meekins, McMullan & LeRoy, and has been engaged in the practice of law here for the last two years. He is a stumulus of Wake Forest College, completed his law course at the same institution, and was granted license to practice with the class examined in 1920.
It is not certain as yet whether Mr. LeRoy will have opposition for the office he seeks or not. No other candidate has yet announced himself. The incumbent, P. G. Sawyer, is now seeking the office of Trial Justice. Trial Justice Spence is mentioned as a possible candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, and Mr. Spence does not deny that he has been giving the matter some consideration, but will go no further than to say definitely that he will keep the promise made when he last sought re-election to the office at Trial Justice, not to ask for that office again.
Two hoboes who dropped off the rear Pullman of the night express Wednesday night, Walter Lynch and M. R. Rosen, the latter a bowery New Yorker, were let off under a suspended jail sentence in police court Thursday morning on condition that they leave town at once. This they undertook to do, promising to make 2:19 as soon as they could hit the highway.

MADE HUSBAND DRUNK AND ATTACKED WIFE

Wilson, Jan. 31.—Charley Reasons of Sarasota township is being held here without bail, charged with a criminal attack on a young white woman after hitting her husband with whiskey, according to evidence at the magistrate's hearing yesterday.

FUNERAL MISS ELLA MODLIN

The funeral of Miss Ella Modlin was conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock by Dr. J. H. Thayer at the home of her brother, J. C. Modlin, on West Cypress street and interment made in Hollywood Cemetery.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 31.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 34.10, an advance of 70 points. Futures, closing bid, March 33.75, May 34.07, July 33.78, Oct. 32.12, Dec. 27.65.
New York, January 31.— Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 33.25; May 33.65; July 32.50; October 27.98; December 27.45.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Denby "initiated" the transfer of the California and Wyoming naval oil reserves to the Department of the Interior, Rear Admiral Latimer, Judge Advocate-General of the Navy, today told the House Naval Committee.

The admiral said Denby had told him he had "initiated" the transfer after investigating the question and consulting with various experts.
Talk of Impeachment
A move to attack the Robinson resolution calling for the resignation of Denby to the Walsh oil lease annulment measure was today made by Senator Trammell of Florida.

Immediate opposition was voiced by Lodge, Republican, leader, who said there was only one way by which the legislative branch could remove a cabinet officer and that was by impeachment.
Confers with Leaders
Washington, Jan. 31.—Reports that two cabinet members had submitted their resignation several days ago and that Coolidge had refused to accept them were disseminated widely today but at once were branded as "absolutely untrue" by Bascom Slemp, secretary to the President.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Both Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate were consulted by Coolidge just before the debate on the Walsh oil lease annulment was resumed today.
After ranking Senators in the Republican Senate had paid an early call at the White House the president summoned Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, who has had a dominant part in the inquiry, and Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader and author of the resolution calling for the resignation of Secretary Denby.

BURIED FIFTY-FOUR YEARS BODY LOOKS QUITE NATURAL

Edenton, Jan. 31.—With face, moustache and beard as natural as when death occurred and with chest exposed, although the clothes had long since rotted, the skin on the body showing of a reddish tinge, is the description given by James W. Johnson of a body in a recently caved in grave on a farm four miles beyond Weeksville, which he saw on Sunday when he was over there visiting his mother, Mrs. Sue Johnson.
The visit to the grave was occasioned by a talk with Charlie Stafford, who said that he had seen the body, and then Tom Twiddy agreed to take Mr. Johnson out to see it. They were accompanied by several others.
When they got to the place an old bachelor recluse, who runs the farm, was asked if they might look at the grave, and he unconcernedly said "help yourself."

In the clump of bushes were the two graves, apparently those of a man and his wife, for lying on the top of a fallen-in grave was a woman's skull, but every other atom of body, clothes and casket had gone to dust, although it was said she had been buried since her husband.
The remarkable thing is that it can be testified the man's body had been buried fully 54 years, and with the exception of the clothes having vanished, he was in excellent state of preservation.
Mr. Johnson says he looked through the edge on top of the casket and saw the man as though he had been recently buried, with skin, beard and moustache, of a man only just deceased, the one thing that looked different to him, was the reddish skin of his body.